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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS
FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TD, RQ

SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO AND TRINIDAD/TOBAGO

1. I SPENT MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 19 WITH SECRETARY OF
STATE ALBORS IN SAN JUAN AND CONVEYED MESSAGE FROM PM
WILLIAMS ABOUT PROPOSED MEETING IN PORT-OF-SPAIN DURING
WEEK OF MARCH 7. ALBORS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO GO TO
PORT-OF-SPAIN THAT WEEK AND ASKED HIS ADVISORS TO PREPARE
POSITION PAPEPS ON AGENDA PROPOSED BY WILLIAMS.

ALBORS WAS FRANKLY SURPRISED AT LEVEL OF FIRST MEETING
AND WAS HOPEFUL THAT ALL PUBLICITY COULD BE AVOIDED. HE
WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY LUIS AGRAIT AND MAYBE ONE
OR TWO OTHERS. I RAISED QUESTION OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE
PARTICIPATION. NEITHER ALBORS NOR AGRAIT HAD HEARD OF
THIS AND WERE SURPRISED. I SAID I THOUGHT REPRESENTATION
AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL WOULD BE USEFUL TO DEPARTMENT AND
TO PUERTO RICO. ALBORS SAID KEY ISSUE WAS HOW WILLIAMS
COULD REACT. I SAID WILLIAMS ALREADY KNEW AND HAD
RAISED NO QUESTION.

3. AGRAIT WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT OF PREFERRED DATED.

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4. COMMENT. BOTH ALBORS AND AGRAIT ARE BEFUDDLED BY

WILLIAMS' SUPPORT FOR PUERTO RICAN ENTRY INTO CDB.
AGRAIT WONDERS WHAT WILLIAMS'MOTIVES MIGHT BE FOR
CURRENT SHIFT IN POSTURE TOWARD PUERTO RICO.

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